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Honorable Melvin Price, Chairman Committee on Armed Services House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you may be aware, CIA has been working for some time on new estimates of trends in the ruble costs of Soviet defense programs. This is to inform you that our work is progressing well and that we expect to publish the results some time in the first two weeks of May. I am sure you will be interested in this publication and I will see to it that you get one of the first copies.

Sincerely,

George Bush Director

John Sparkman, Chairman

George H. Mahon, Chairman

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Appropriations Committee (House)

Identical Memos sent to:

John C. Stennis, Chairman Senate Armed Services Committee

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